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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2000, for the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. This response is timely filed with a petition for a three-month extension. The amendments are supported by the specification and figures. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of the pending claims is appended hereto.

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